

OHIO REPUBLICAN
STATE CONVENTION**Senator Hanna Made Permanent Chairman
—His Delegates Seated—Nash Renom-
inated by Acclamation.**

Convention Hall, Columbus, Ohio, June 25.—The Republican state convention re-convened at the auditorium here at 10 o'clock. The great hall was packed when Temporary Chairman Fowler stepped for order and he was given a great ovation.

The committee on credentials presented a report, signed by twenty of its twenty-one members, in favor of the "Hanna delegates" from Fayette county. The report was adopted. The only Daugherty man on the committee offered no minority report as was generally expected.

The committee on permanent organization reported it had selected Senator Hanna as permanent chairman and continued the rest of the temporary organization. The report was adopted. Senator Fowler introduced Senator Hanna as "the man who knew his business and how to attend to it." A great demonstration ensued.

CHAIRMAN HANNA.

Chairman Hanna returned his thanks for the honor and then stated that Senator Fowler had already sounded the keynote and would continue to do so in the campaign and that all Republicans in Ohio would be with him to a man. He eulogized Fowler's speech and his record in the Senate and said all the people in Ohio were for his reelection except the Democrats.

He insisted that the coming contest in Ohio was one of a national character and on national issues. It was the most important period for the support and encouragement of the national administration.

He then reviewed the first administration of President McKinley and insisted that his second administration was still more important for the domestic, insular and foreign affairs of the country. He discussed the financial issues at length and insisted that the country demanded a continuance of confidence in the government in order to continue the present prosperity. He appealed to Ohio Republicans to do away with all factional differences and stand by the President and a Republican Congress. In discussing the tariff he said this was no time for experiments in tariff making. He said there was no time for financial, industrial or other disturbances. He favored personal liberty so long as it did not interfere with the public good and made no other allusion to state affairs. Senator Hanna was warmly applauded as he proceeded and also when he concluded.

General Charles E. Grosvenor presented the resolutions which were adopted.

THE PLATFORM.

The platform reaffirms the principles set forth by the last national Republican convention and continues:

"The Republican party by its magnificent achievements has added lustre to American history and under its administration of national affairs the United States has become the world power of the first class. Industry has revived, capital and labor are employed, plenty has succeeded want and the cry of the hungry and unemployed is no longer heard, but from every quarter comes the demand for workmen at the highest wages ever paid to American labor. Our export trade has increased until it leads the world, approximating for the present year \$1,600,000,000. The Republican party by its monetary legislation has established the gold standard, thereby removing the menace of an inflated currency and its attendant repudiation of financial obligations, public and private, and raised our credit above that of any other nation. A Republican Congress has relieved the people by a reduction in direct taxation approximating \$40,000,000, and our national treasury shows a growing surplus has succeeded a domestic deficit."

PRINCIPLE OF PROTECTION.

The platform sets forth that the principle of protection has achieved its most signal triumph in the results of the Dingley tariff law and that the demand for tariff policy has made the farmer and laborer more prosperous than ever; re-affirms all declarations heretofore made by the Republican party in favor of reciprocity; favors the further strengthening of our navy and such legislation as will restore our merchant marine to pre-eminence upon the seas; urges the speedy construction of an American ship canal through the American isthmus as an imperative public need; recognizes the right of both labor and capital to combine when such combinations are wisely administered for the general good, but opposes combinations which create monopolies to control prices or limit production; asks for a renewal of the wise provisions for restricted immigration of Chinese into this country; expresses gratitude to the

GOV. NASH INDORSED.

The platform concludes by indorsing the administration of Gov. Nash, commending Senators Fowler and Hanna and endorsing Senator Foraker for a second term.

Hon. Henry C. Taylor, who presented the name of George K. Nash to the convention two years ago for governor, then presented his name for renomination and he was re-nominated by acclamation. A committee escorted Gov. Nash to the hall, and he was given a cordial reception. In accepting the nomination Gov. Nash reviewed the record of the past two years and especially that of the past two years and held that the showing was such that all the conservative opponents could find no fault with it.

NOMINATIONS.

When nominations for Lieutenant-governor were called for Senator George K. Nash, of Hamilton county, was nominated without opposition by acclamation.

For the nomination for judge of the supreme court, there were presented the names of J. J. Lawson, of Hamilton county, and Thaddeus A. Minshall, the incumbent.

The first ballot resulted: Price, 409; Crew, 317; Minshall, 324; necessary to elect, 410. The second ballot resulted as follows: Price, 642; Crew, 273; Minshall, 167. The nomination of Price was made unanimous.

For the nomination for attorney-general, Isaac B. Cameron, of Hamilton county, was nominated for a second term without opposition.

For the nomination for clerk of the supreme court, there were presented the names of M. Miller, Alva B. Hall, A. C. Critchfield and Lawson E. Emerson. The first ballot resulted: Miller, 322 1/3; Hall, 133; Critchfield, 171 1/3; Emerson, 561 1/3. The nomination of Emerson was made unanimous.

Isaac B. Cameron, for state treasurer, and W. G. Johnson, for member of the state board of public works, were nominated without opposition.

Resolutions were adopted extending sympathy to Secretary Hay in his bereavement.

At 1:10 p. m. the convention adjourned.

STORY OF THE KEYSTONE FLOOD.

Keystone, W. V., June 25.—The following story is told by an eye-witness of the great flood:

"Keystone is the metropolis of the Elkhorn mining country. It has but one narrow street and because of limited space many houses were built on piles or walls over the Elkhorn or close up against the mountains. The town follows the meanderings of the stream for a mile.

"On Friday night at 11 o'clock the storm struck the mountain and for six hours rain fell in torrents. By 9 a. m. the narrow valley was a raging torrent. Houses, barns, bridges, mills, lives and human beings were swept away by the mighty current and dashed on the rocks or trees below.

"I was stopping at a hotel. At the first warning many of the inhabitants took refuge on the mountain side overlooking the town and river. More than a hundred people, however, remained in the town to look after the women and

soldiers and sailors of the United States for their valor and suffering in defense of their country, and asks that they may enjoy the most liberal applications of the pension laws, demands the strict enforcement of constitutional measures guaranteeing to every citizen the right of franchise, and denounces lynching.

WAR WITH SPAIN.

Referring to the recent war with Spain, the platform sets forth that the victory imposed responsibilities and obligations greater than any which have arisen in a generation. The blessings of liberty have been extended to millions of human beings. The Monroe doctrine has been firmly upheld.

Regarding the trouble in China, the platform says:

"The prudent and successful management of American interests in China by President McKinley has added new glory to American arms and American diplomacy."

CUBAN INDEPENDENCE.

In touching upon Cuban independence it is stated that the nation's pledge to the island of Cuba is being faithfully kept, insuring freedom and independence to her people. Order has been maintained, the interests of the United States preserved and the island today is enjoying more national prosperity than ever before. We congratulate the people of Cuba upon wise and conservative action in favor of stable government.

PHILIPPINE INSURRECTION.

In the Philippine Islands a wicked insurrection has been suppressed. The chief leaders have been taken into custody and the anticipated large increase in our regular army has been rendered unnecessary. Civil government, contemplating the largest practical degree of home rule, has succeeded military control. The American educational system has followed the flag into these islands and personal freedom with an equality of rights heretofore unknown, is secured to every inhabitant.

All these beneficial results have been accomplished by the enactment into law of Republican principles and the faithful administration of President McKinley upon his wise, patriotic and brilliant administration. Facing unpopularity and grave responsibilities, he has met them bravely, bravely and successfully, and we assure to him the unqualified approval of the Republicans of Ohio.

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children who did not escape early. The bridge leading to the depot was soon swept away, then the angry waters rushed through the only street in the town and we found hundreds cut off from the mountain retreat and the boats by means of a line. Hundreds of lives were saved. But in attempting to cross the muddy, surging waters which swept like an avalanche down this street many lost their hold and in plain sight of friends were carried on into the river and drowned. Houses plunged and danced in the mighty stream, with screaming women and children on the roofs. Horses, cattle and other animals drowned about us.

The Norfolk & Western railroad fill at this place gave way and more than a mile of track now lies in the bed of the river. In fact, it is hard to tell how many miles of track and how many bridges have been swept away. The destruction is tremendous to the railroad alone, and it may be many days and perhaps weeks before trains can run.

The loss of life cannot be estimated from here. It is known eight lives were lost here. Six bodies have been recovered at Hickman, two miles below here. Several were drowned at Shawnee and a good part of the town swept away.

"All the women were conveyed from the hotel to the mountain side by means of the life line. Then the men left as the place was unsafe. When it came my turn I seized the line and plunged into the muddy current. In an instant my feet were swept from under me and it was the fight of my life to reach the house on the south side of the street. The distance was not great and the water not more than three feet deep, but the current was almost irresistible and even cows and horses were swept away as I clung to the rope, which was the only hope. Friendly hands pulled me out more dead than alive. The hotel is still standing."

HUNDREDS ARE MISSING.

Richmond, Va., June 25.—The Dispatch correspondent returned from the scene of the Keystone flood disaster today. There is no possibility yet to estimate the loss of life or property. Hundreds of people are missing or are reported missing and a large number of dead bodies have been recovered. Everywhere debris of wrecked houses, demolished railroad cars and broken and splintered household furniture and now and then the corpse of a victim. Railroad iron was bent by the force of the water, iron bridges resting on piles of solid masonry withstood the strain but a moment and went down. The surging waters ate away railway embankments and cars loaded with tons of coal were carried to destruction. The Elkhorn and North Fork valleys were made scenes of devastation and death in a few short hours. The financial loss is unobtainable but it is estimated that it will take millions to repair the damage. The Norfolk & Western tracks for miles are washed out and it is impossible to say when their trains can be operated. Although the damage begins at Coalfield, Keystone and Burke are the greatest losses. Two towns are practically one and form the largest place in the coal fields. Many non-resident miners were in Keystone on Saturday morning and numbers of them were killed. Many will never be learned perished in the flood.

A SCENE OF DISASTER.

Richmond, Va., June 25.—A Dispatch correspondent, who returned to Bluefield from the scene of the disaster this morning, describes the havoc as most appalling. He says that hundreds of people are missing or reported missing, but discredits the first reports of the loss of life.

LOSS OF LIFE EXAGGERATED.

Williamson, W. Va., June 25.—Reports from points south in the lower end of the flooded district indicate that the loss of life has been largely exaggerated. Probably not over 100 have perished and the loss may not reach 75. The greatest loss is at Coalfield, where a dozen lives were lost in Tuesday valley. On this stream the property loss is roughly estimated at a million dollars.

NINE HOUSES WASHED AWAY.

Richmond, Va., June 25.—A special from Tazewell, W. Va., says that at Cedar Bluff, west of there, nine houses were washed away, but no lives were lost as far as known. Many mill dams are gone.

EARL RUSSELL INDICTED.

The Trial Will Take Place in the House of Lords.

London, June 25.—In the Old Bailey court this morning the grand jury returned a true bill against Earl Russell for bigamy, and the recorder announced that the trial would take place in the house of lords.

ST. LOUIS FAIR SITE.

Executive Committee Has Selected Forest Park.

St. Louis, Mo., June 25.—Forest park was today selected as the site on which to hold the World's fair in this city in 1903, to commemorate the one-hundredth anniversary of the Louisiana purchase. The executive committee, which for the past few weeks has been considering the matter, has selected the site of the fair on the western half of Forest park, and the board of directors promptly ratified the selection. Tomorrow the national commission will meet on the matter. The site selected is that proposed by the Forest Park World's Fair Free Site association, and contains 688 acres in the west, or unimproved, portion of Forest park, and 420 acres adjoining on the west and southwest. This is one-third more space than was used by the Columbian exposition in Jackson park, Chicago. It takes up the western half of Forest park, the considerable vacant land adjoining to the west and southwest. Forest park, which contains between 1,500 and 1,600 acres and is the second largest park in the country, lies to the west of the city, surrounded on three sides by magnificent residences and the buildings of Washington university. It is easily accessible from all parts of the city by street cars and electric railroads and topographically is an ideal site for a world's fair.

CLAIMS FOR LOOTING.

Chinese Merchants Want United States to Pay for What Marines Took.

Pekin, June 25.—The China Merchants company, owners of the premises in Tien Tsin, at first occupied by the marines and afterwards by Liscum's command as barracks, have completed their claim against the United States government for valuables which they say were carried off by the marines. The list comprises many valuable furs, rugs and jewels, including diamonds. The total of the claim is 400,000 taels. The company says that the premises being a part of the foreign consular district were willingly lent for military necessities, but that they were not subject to looting as they would have been if they had been in the Chinese city.

Reading Strikers Remain Out.

Reading, Pa., June 25.—Not a dozen of the thousand striking shopmen of the Philadelphia & Reading shophmen returned to work today as they had been urged to do by President Baer in his letter of Saturday. On the other hand, there were some accessions to the ranks of the strikers.

Shamrock II Out of Dock.

Glasgow, June 25.—The Shamrock II was taken out of dock today and towed to her anchorage. There she will have the hull repainted. The ship's crew will be ready for a trial trip next Saturday.

REUNION OF
UTAH VETERANS.**Grizzled Heroes of the Past Recall
Scenes of Yore.**

PICTURESQUE CHARACTERS.

Interesting Time Spent by Old Comrades of Nauvoo Legion and Mormon Battalion.

Ties that are stronger than death, memories that are dearer than life drew together yesterday one of the most picturesque bodies of men this land ever produced. A class of men that in rapidly thinning out under the sweep of the years and leaving few behind that are like them. The devoted Veterans of the Nauvoo Legion and the grizzled heroes of the "Mormon" Battalion and the Black Hawk war met yesterday and clasped each other by the hand. Saltair was their rallying ground and the veterans of the Black Hawk war, who were not only men who had the vigor of youth upon them, but they were men who had battled with deprivation, exposure and starvation, and on more than one occasion been brought very close to the grave.

The march of the "Mormon" Battalion from the Missouri to the coast can never be adequately described. The hardships encountered by those intrepid pioneers were conducted on the land were truly remarkable, and while it is a remarkable thing that there are many men of that band still living, what must be thought of the number who have fallen with them, fared as they did and is now hale and hearty. This female veteran is Mrs. Melissa Kimball. When she was introduced to the audience she was greeted with a shout of applause. She is a remarkable woman, and her husband, General Burton, who was introduced to the audience, was greeted with a shout of applause. The exercises in the afternoon, which were presided over by General Robert T. Burton, were conducted on the band stand in the center of the dancing floor. The exercises opened with the audience rendering "America," and the invocation was offered by Rev. Joseph F. Smith. The Legion and the Battalion were conducted on the band stand in the center of the dancing floor. The exercises opened with the audience rendering "America," and the invocation was offered by Rev. Joseph F. Smith. The Legion and the Battalion were conducted on the band stand in the center of the dancing floor. The exercises opened with the audience rendering "America," and the invocation was offered by Rev. Joseph F. Smith.

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John Hamilton, of Heber City, aged 70. Drilled in the boys' brigade in Nauvoo. Minute man in early days in Utah; has had thrilling experiences fighting Indians.

Abraham Hatch, of Heber City, enrolled in cavalry in Nauvoo. Served in Echo campaign and other expeditions. Brig. Gen. William H. Kimball, the first color bearer of the Legion in Nauvoo. Continuous active service in all campaigns and expeditions in Utah.

Isaac L. Manning, colored, drummer in the Legion in Nauvoo and in the civil war. Was cook for Joseph Smith and helped to dig the Prophet's grave.

Nymphus C. Murdoch, aged 69, residence Charleston; drilled with the boys' brigade in Nauvoo. In active service in Utah as a minute man in Indian expedition, Echo campaign, and Black Hawk war.

Nathan Tanner, aged 87, of Granger; member of Zion's Camp. Enrolled in the Legion in Nauvoo. Served in Echo campaign and other capacities.

John McDonald, of Heber City, aged 83. Enrolled in the Legion in Nauvoo. One of the minute men in early days; served in the Walker war.

Capt. Joel Parrish of Centerville, aged 74. Joined the artillery in Nauvoo. Captain of cavalry in Utah. Served in Echo campaign and other capacities.

Wm. P. Rice, of Farmington, aged 73. Three years with the Legion in Nauvoo. A minute man; serving in numerous expeditions, and in Echo campaign.

Quartermaster John S. Smith, of Kayville, aged 92. Enrolled in Legion in Nauvoo. Served in various expeditions in Utah, and in the Echo campaign.

Adm. Robt. E. Taylor, aged 78, of this city, enrolled in Legion in Nauvoo. At the battle of Nauvoo, grazed by a bullet. Served with the Legion in Utah as adjutant Second battalion. Second regiment Second brigade, First division Infantry.

Henson Walker, of Pleasant Grove, aged 81, enrolled in Legion in Nauvoo. Served in many engagements with Indians and in the Echo campaign.

John N. Wakeley, of Marsh Valley, Idaho, aged 81, enrolled in Legion in Nauvoo. Was a minute man, frequently engaged in various services, including Sanguinetti war.

ENGAGEMENT AT REITZ.

**It Was a Magnificent Display of
Courage by Boers and Britons.**

Capetown, June 25.—Details of the engagement between Gen. Elliot's column and Dewet's force near Reitz, June 6, show that the British surprised the Boers' convoy. The burghers fled, but, seeing that the columns were not strong forces, the Boers returned, and charged with great determination, after desperate fighting, recapturing the convoy. Meanwhile, Col. DeLisle arrived with reinforcements, and the fighting was renewed. The Boers lay beneath their wagons and unflinchingly fired volleys between the wheels, while their comrades were engaged in a desperate hand-to-hand encounter and fierce melee.

The Boers eventually secured the convoy further from the British. The latter pushed in among the wagons, using the bayonets freely. Gen. DeLisle was present and personally used a rifle. A man in his right hand was killed and the comrade on his left hand wounded.

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